

**AGENDA
FERRIS PARK BOARD
CITY OF FERRIS
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE
STATE OF TEXAS, ELLIS COUNTY
AT THE
FERRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
301 E. TENTH STREET, FERRIS, TEXAS 75125
7:00 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FERRIS PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF FERRIS WILL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015 AT THE FERRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED AT 301 E. TENTH STREET, FERRIS, TEXAS 75125 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
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PARK BOARD BUSINESS

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| 1. | Call to order. | Ø |
| 2. | Roll call to determine the presence of a quorum. | 1 |
| 3. | Election of Vice President. | |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| 4. | Consider approval of Park Board meeting minutes of December 15, 2014. | 2 |
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DISCUSSION

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| 5. | Discussion regarding tree planting on January 23. | |
| 6. | Discussion regarding 2015 TPWD grants. | 6 |

OLD BUSINESS

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| 7. | Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate regarding Ferris Earth Day. | |
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8. Discussion, consideration, and action as may be appropriate regarding Splash Pad.

CLOSING

9. Discuss items to be placed on next meeting's agenda. Ø
10. Adjourn. Ø

Executive Session Reservation

The Ferris Park Board reserves the right to convene into an Executive Session (closed to the public) as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

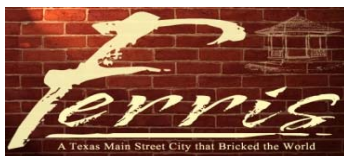
Disability Assistance and Accommodation

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at (972) 544-2110 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I, DESTINY LUSK WRIGHT, HEREBY
CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
NOTICE WAS POSTED ON OR
BEFORE THE 22th DAY OF JANUARY,
2015 BY 5:00 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Destiny Lusk", is written over a horizontal line.

DESTINY LUSK WRIGHT
CITY SECRETARY



PARK BOARD

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

2014-2015

Park Board			Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Place	Name	Title	25	22	27	24	15	26	23	23	27	18	22	27	24	28
Place 1	Ty Hall	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P									
Place 2	John Lemon	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P									
Place 3	Dana Ragland	Board Member	P	A	A	R	P									
Place 4	Leticia Sasser	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P									
Place 5	John Reynolds	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P									
Youth 1	Kaitlyn Kinney	Youth Adviser	P	A	P	P	P									
Youth 2	Jasmine Morales	Youth Adviser	P	P	P	P	P									
Total Present:			7	5	6	4	6									

A quorum of the board is 3 members. (Does not include youth advisors)

City Staff			Aug	Sep	Oct	P	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Title	Name		25	22	27	24	15	26	23	23	27	25	22	27	24	28
E.D. Coordinator	Chuck Dart		P	p	P	P	P									
Total Present:			1	1	1	1	1									

Chair- "Will the Secretary please call the roll."
 The Secretary calls each member's position and name.
 They respond if they are present.
 Secretary- "A quorum is present."

P	Present
A	Absent
R	Resigned
D	Deceased
E	End of Term

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ELLIS**

**THE FERRIS PARK BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 15, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FERRIS PUBLIC
LIBRARY LOCATED AT 301 E. TENTH STREET, FERRIS, TEXAS.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ty Hall, Place 1
John Lemon, Place 2
Leticia Sasser, Place 4
John Reynolds, Place 5
Kaitlyn Kenney, Youth 1
Jasmine Morales, Youth 2

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Dart, Eco. Dev. Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF ABSENT

PARK BOARD BUSINESS

1. Call to order.

John Lemon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Consider approval of Park Board meeting minutes of November 24, 2014.

Ty Hall moved to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of November 24, 2014.
Seconded by John Reynolds. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0-0.

12-15-2014 PARK BOARD MINUTES

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT

4. Temporary adjournment to Mutz Park for a tour of Scout House.

The Park Board made a temporary adjournment at 7:01 P.M.

5. Reconvene to regular session.

The Park Board reconvened at 7:13 P.M.

DISCUSSION

6. Discussion regarding a downtown park.

The board members discussed contacting a structural engineer regarding shade fabric attached to the roofs of the buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion regarding Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grants.

The board will move this item to the priority list and continue talking about this topic at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding splash pad.

Chuck Dart and John Reynolds will meet with the City Manager and the Mayor about this topic. The board will check into grants before pursuing this item.

9. Discussion, consideration and action as may be appropriate regarding Park Board priority list:

i. Tree planting

Waste Management has a source to get trees. Also, Chuck Dart suggested using The Greenery. The trees will be planted January 10, 2015.

ii. Mutz Park improvements

The board members will check on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grants for the splash pad. John Reynolds will get a cost estimate on the lighting.

iii. Earth Day

Earth Day is scheduled for the second Saturday in April. The board members discussed the following items as possible action items for Earth Day:

- Band
- Volleyball with a prize from Walmart
- Display a hybrid car
- Bike Race
- FFA
- Invite other schools to participate
- Food trucks
- Home Depot showcase

iv. Splash Pad

Pursue the possibility of grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

CLOSING

10. Discuss items to be placed on next meeting's agenda.

- Earth Day
- Election
- Grants
- Splash Pad – meeting with Mayor and City Manager
- Post tree planting

11. Adjourn.

With no further business to come before the board, Leticia Sasser moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by John Reynolds. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

APPROVED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

ATTEST:

Chuck Dart
Economic Development Coordinator

Terri Childers
Secretary to City Manager

**Important administrative notation:
These minutes have been composed by using meeting notes provided to Terri Childers.*

2014 Recipients of TPWD Grants

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases/?req=20150122d>

Program Name	Eligible Population	Grant Ceiling	Grant Deadline
Urban Outdoor Grant	>500,000	\$1 Million	March 31
Non-urban Outdoor Grant	<500,000	\$400,000	March 31
Small Community Grant	<20,000	\$75,000	March 31

Small Community Recreation Grants

The town of Italy was granted a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$64,988 to renovate and further develop 9.2-acre Upchurch Ballfields located in the south area of the city. The proposal includes a playground, baseball field, pavilion and volleyball court.

The City of Atlanta was awarded a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$75,000 to renovate and further develop 6-acre McNoble Harper Park to include trails, sand volleyball, picnic tables, grills, benches, playground, butterfly garden, pavilion, game tables, landscaping and interpretive signs located in the central area of the city.

Enchanted Oaks in Henderson County will receive a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$73,500 to dedicate 13.7 acres of publicly owned non-parkland and develop Enchanted Oaks Park located in the north area of town. The proposal includes a trail with lighting, benches, landscaping and interpretive signs.

Levelland will receive a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$35,000 to renovate playgrounds on the 1.9-acre 4th Street Park located in the northwest area of the city and 3-acre Double U Park located in the west central area of the city.

Vernon was granted a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$30,000 to renovate 55.7-acre Orbison Park located in the southern area of the city. The proposal includes renovating the existing playground with an interpretive native garden, trails and a 9-hole disc golf course.

The City of Bishop in Nueces County was granted a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$75,000 to renovate and further develop 7.4-acre Bishop City Park located in the central area of the city. The proposal includes a splash pad, game tables, butterfly garden, and interpretive signs. Grant funds will also help renovate an existing trail, basketball court and playground.

Rio Grande City in Starr County was also granted a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$75,000 to further develop 18.6-acre Basilio Villarreal Municipal Park to include a skate park located in the east end of the city.

Sullivan City in Hidalgo County will receive a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$37,500 to develop 4-acre Memorial Park to include a splash pad located at 500 Cenizo St.

The City of Uvalde will receive a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$73,675 to renovate the existing swimming pool located in the central area of the city that will also include pool decking and landscaping.

The City of South Houston was granted a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$75,000 to renovate and further develop 1-acre City Hall Park located on 1010 Dallas St. The proposal includes a playground, benches, picnic tables with grills and the renovation of an existing pavilion.

The City of Troy was granted a Small Community Recreation Grant of \$75,000 to develop 2.6-acre Trojan Park located in the central area of the city. The proposal includes a splash pad, shade structure, benches and walkways.

Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grants

Deer Park will receive a Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$400,000 to develop a 38.8-acre Wetlands Park located in the east central area of the city. The proposal includes wetlands restoration, trails, sensory gardens, landscaping and interpretive signage.

The Timber Lane Utility District in north Harris County was also granted a Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$400,000 to acquire 33 acres to further develop the Timber Lane Recreation Area. The proposal includes a splash pad, BMX pump track, walking trails, soccer fields, exercise stations and wetland preservation.

Jacksonville in Cherokee County was granted \$400,000 to obtain 36.5 acres by donation and further develop Nichols Park located in the southeast area of the city. The proposal includes a splash pad, lighted trail, basketball court renovation, benches, picnic tables, and 4 acres of dedicated open space.

The City of Alamo in Hidalgo County was granted a Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$400,000 to dedicate 5 acres of publicly owned non-parkland and develop Alamo Nature Park located east of U.S. Route 83. The proposal includes a splash pad, t-ball field, playground, picnic tables, sheltered benches, trail, community garden and 2 acres of dedicated open space.

South Padre Island was awarded a Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$400,000 to dedicate 2 acres of publicly owned non-parkland and develop South Padre Island City Park. The proposal includes a basketball court, two playgrounds, pump house and a restroom.

The City of Allen was awarded a Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$400,000 to obtain 50.3 acres by donation and develop 74.6-acre Watters Branch Community Park in the north area of the city on Ridgeview Drive. The proposal includes a softball field, trail and a nature play area.

Rockwall will also receive a Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$400,000 to obtain 11.4 acres by donation and develop Stone Creek Park located in the north central area of the city. The proposal includes a trail, playground, fishing pier, pavilion, open lawn area, landscaping and tree planting.



**Project Priority Scoring System
Texas Recreation & Parks Account
Small Community Grant Program
(Effective May 1, 2014)**

Applicant Eligibility

All previously completed Recreation Grant Projects must be in compliance with all program guidelines and all terms of the Project Agreement under which they received assistance.

For active grants, all required project documentation must be complete and have been received on schedule.

All active projects which are at least two years old must be reimbursed for a minimum of 50% of the approved grant amount at the time of application.

The total of approved grant funds which have not been reimbursed may not exceed \$2 million for all active grant projects at the time of application.

1. Population

Total Range: 0- 3 points

Population of the applicant is 2,500 or less based on the most recent federal census data. (3 points)

2. Geographic Distribution

Total Point Range: 0-10 points

The project will improve the geographic distribution of park and recreation lands and facilities in the project's service area or within the applicant's jurisdiction.

- Project provides the first public park in the applicant's jurisdiction or intended service area. (10 points); **or**
- Project provides significantly new and different park and recreation opportunities (other than school facilities) at the project site. One point per facility identified by documented public input process to be a need. (0-3 points)

3. Outdoor Recreation/Conservation vs. Support Costs

Total Range: 0-10 points

Project maximizes the use of development funds for direct outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities as determined by dividing the direct recreational and conservation costs by the total construction costs and multiplying the result by 10. (0-10 points)

4. Underserved Populations

Total Range: 0-12 points

- Project improves opportunities for low-income citizens based on economic and demographic data for the service area from the most recent federal census data. Points will be calculated by multiplying the percentage of population qualifying as low income by five. (0-5 points); **and/or**
- Project improves opportunities for ethnic minority citizens based on economic and demographic data for the service area from the most recent federal census data. Points will be calculated by multiplying the percentage of population qualifying as minority by five. (0-5 points); **and/or**
- Project provides park and recreation opportunities for physically/mentally challenged citizens which exceed the federal and state required accessibility standards. (2 points)

5. Local Resources and Partnerships

Total Range: 0-10 points

The project involves local resources or documented cooperation between the applicant and other public or private entities to provide park and recreation opportunities at the project site(s).

- Project involves the contribution of resources from sources other than the applicant, including publicly owned non-parkland, which serves as all or part of the applicant's matching share of funds. Up to five points may be awarded on a percentage basis, as determined by dividing the total outside contribution value by the total match and multiplying the result by five. (0-5 points); and/or
- Project includes documented contributions via the applicant or outside resources above the 50% required match. Up to five points will be awarded based on the following criteria: $(\text{Additional Contribution Amount} / \text{Required Match}) \times 5 = (0-5 \text{ points})$

6. Renovation

Total Range: 0-10 points

Project provides for the renovation of an existing obsolete area or facility, as determined by dividing the renovation cost by the total construction cost and multiplying the result by ten. (0-10 points)

7. Sustainable Park Design

Total Range: 0-5 points

Points for this category will be awarded based on how the overall project embraces sustainable techniques in the design and construction of the park, including but not limited to the diversity, innovative nature and/or cost of the project elements. (0-5 points)

8. TPWD Goals

Total Range: 0-2 points

Project supports the department's Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan. Applicant must address how the project meets the goals of the Plan in the proposal narrative. (0-2 points)

9. Compliance

Total Points Deducted: -5 points

Applicant is in compliance with previously funded projects. If applicant is not in compliance with existing grant obligations, 5 points will be deducted from the project score. (-5 points)

10. Application Materials

Total Range: 0- 5 points

A complete application was received by the application deadline. (5 points)